Chitradurga Town as a Tourist Centre

320. Sri C. R. MOHAMED SAIFUDDIN (Chitradurga).—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Chitradurga Town has been included as a place of tourist interest ;

(*b*) the places of tourist interest in Chitradurga town ;

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken up to improve the places of tourist interest in Chitradurga Town ?

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Fort (2) Jamia Mosque.

(*c*) Yes.

Famine in Gulbarga District

341. Sri BAPU GOWDA (Shahapur).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is famine in Gulbarga District ;

(*b*) if so, the reason for not declaring Gulbarga District as famine-stricken district ;

(*c*) the conditions required to declare this district as famine-stricken district ?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Acute scarcity conditions prevail in Gulbarga District.

(*b*) and (*c*) The old famine codes which are no longer relevant to the present day conditions did provide for declaring certain areas as "Famine affected" The scope and concept of "famine relief" have over the years undergone radical change and it is no longer necessary or desirable to declare any area which is affected by drought as famine area. Formal declaration of any areas as "Famine area" is an antiquated notion, which has no meaning in the present day circumstances.